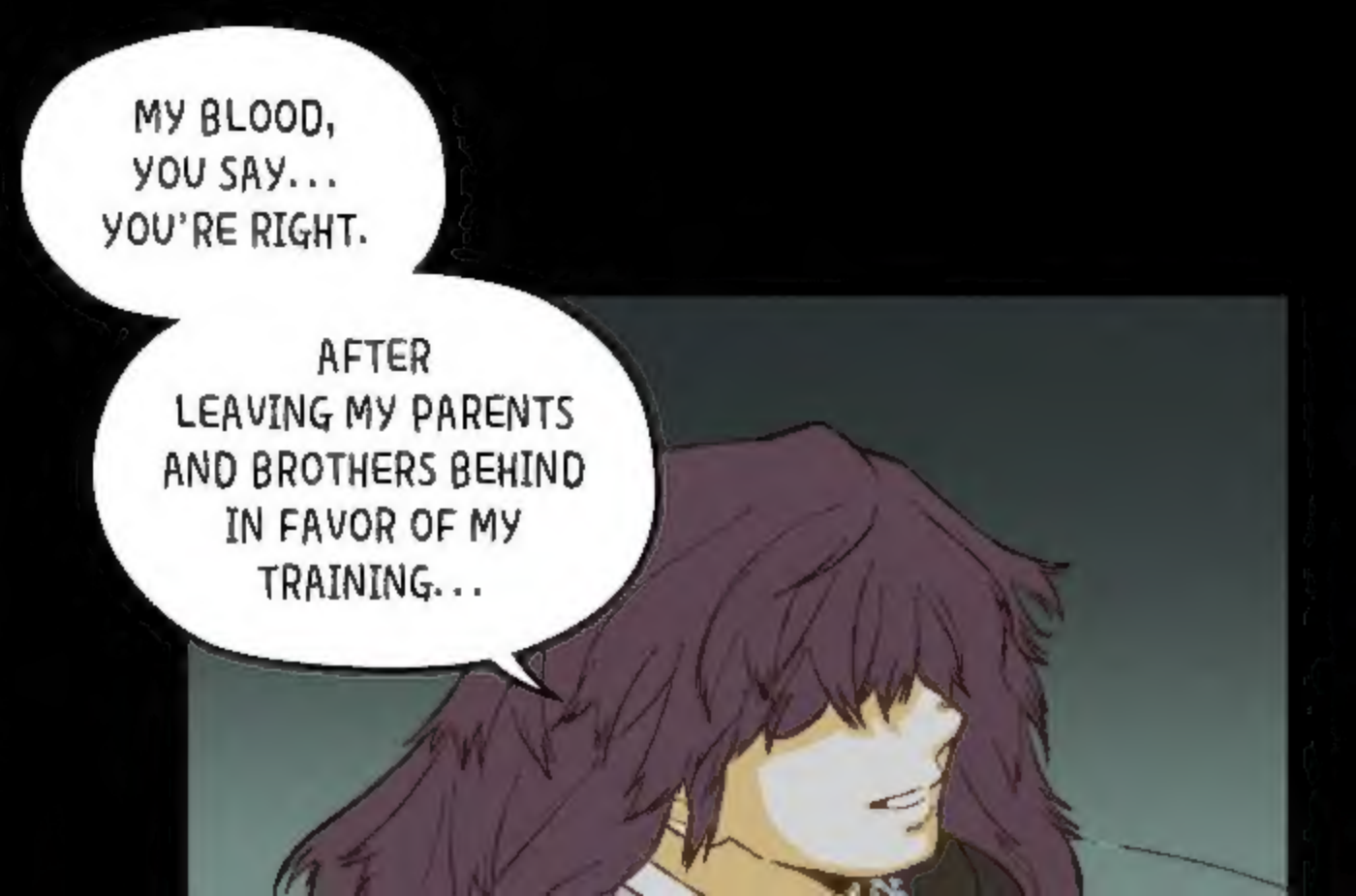
How to become a Dragon

- Episode 161 -

HE'S BARELY TALL ENOUGH FOR HIS FOREHEAD TO REACH MY CHEST.
HE HAS MEMORIZED ALL SORTS OF DIFFICULT TEXTS AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP ME WITH MY WORK.
PART OF ME FINDS HIM SO PRECOCIOUS, BUT I ALSO FEEL SORRY FOR HIM...
I GET IT, I GET IT.

WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE. THAT BOY ISN'T EVEN OF YOUR OWN BLOOD.
EVERY TIME YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT CHILD.


MY BLOOD, YOU SAY... YOU'RE RIGHT.
AFTER LEAVING MY PARENTS AND BROTHERS BEHIND IN FAVOR OF MY TRAINING...

...I DID NOT DARE DREAM OF HAVING A FAMILY BESIDE ME BESIDE ME AGAIN.

...AND BEGAN TREATING ME LIKE HIS FAMILY...
...SO DID I.

HEHE...
WHAT A STRANGE CONNECTION OF FATE YOU HAVE WITH THAT HUMAN.
SCRATCH
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD FIND YOU CENTURIES LATER?

WITH YOUR FUN AND GAMES. YOU OUGHT TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
YOU AREN'T LOOKING WELL.

YES... I'VE STRETCHED MYSELF THIN WITH ALL OF MY WORK LATELY...
IT SEEMS THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE LAZING ABOUT.
HAHA

WHAT IS IT...
...THAT YOUR SERVANTS EVEN DO?

HOW COULD THEY LET THEIR MASTER LOOK SO SICKLY?
SHAKE
IT IS NOT MY SERVANTS' FAULT.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN THE POLLUTION IN THE RIVER...

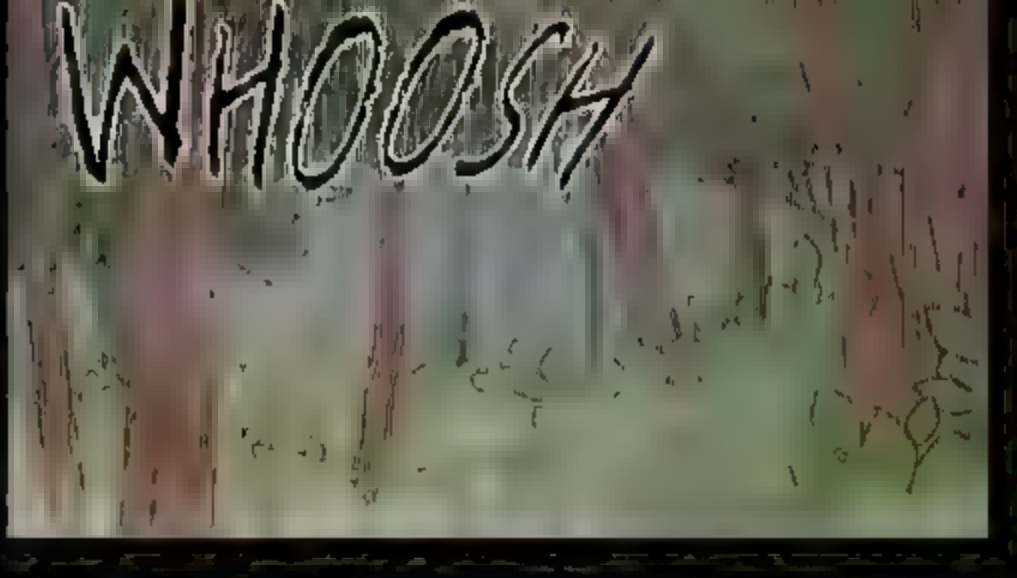
IT MUST BE BECAUSE MY POWERS ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH.
HOW IS THAT YOUR FAULT?
IF ANYONE IS TO BLAME, IT'S THE HUMANS WHO CONSTANTLY POLLUTE THE RIVER!

...
LISTEN TO ME, NAKGEUM.
IF...

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME...

...MIGHT I ASK YOU TO LOOK AFTER THE BOY?
STOP SAYING SUCH RIDICULOUS THINGS!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO APPROACHED ME TO BE FRIENDS, EVEN WHEN I WAS STILL INEXPERIENCED WITH DISGUISING MYSELF?
YOU ARE A KIND, GENEROUS BEING. I AM SURE YOU CAN CARE FOR A SMALL HUMAN.

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW KIND I AM... IT IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE WITH MY POWER.
HOW WOULD I TAKE CARE OF A CHILD WHOSE LIFE IS ALREADY CONNECTED TO THE RIVER?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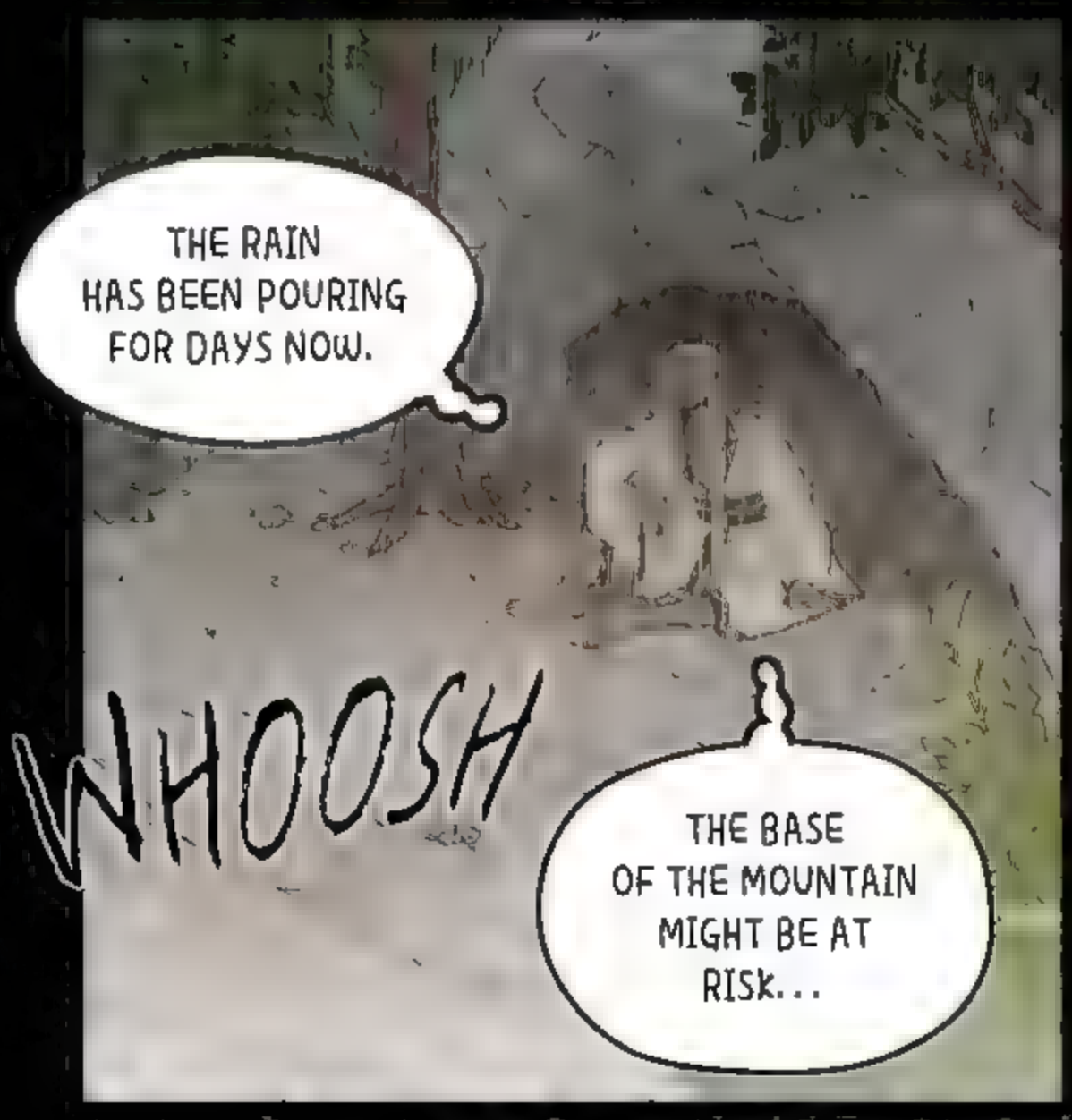
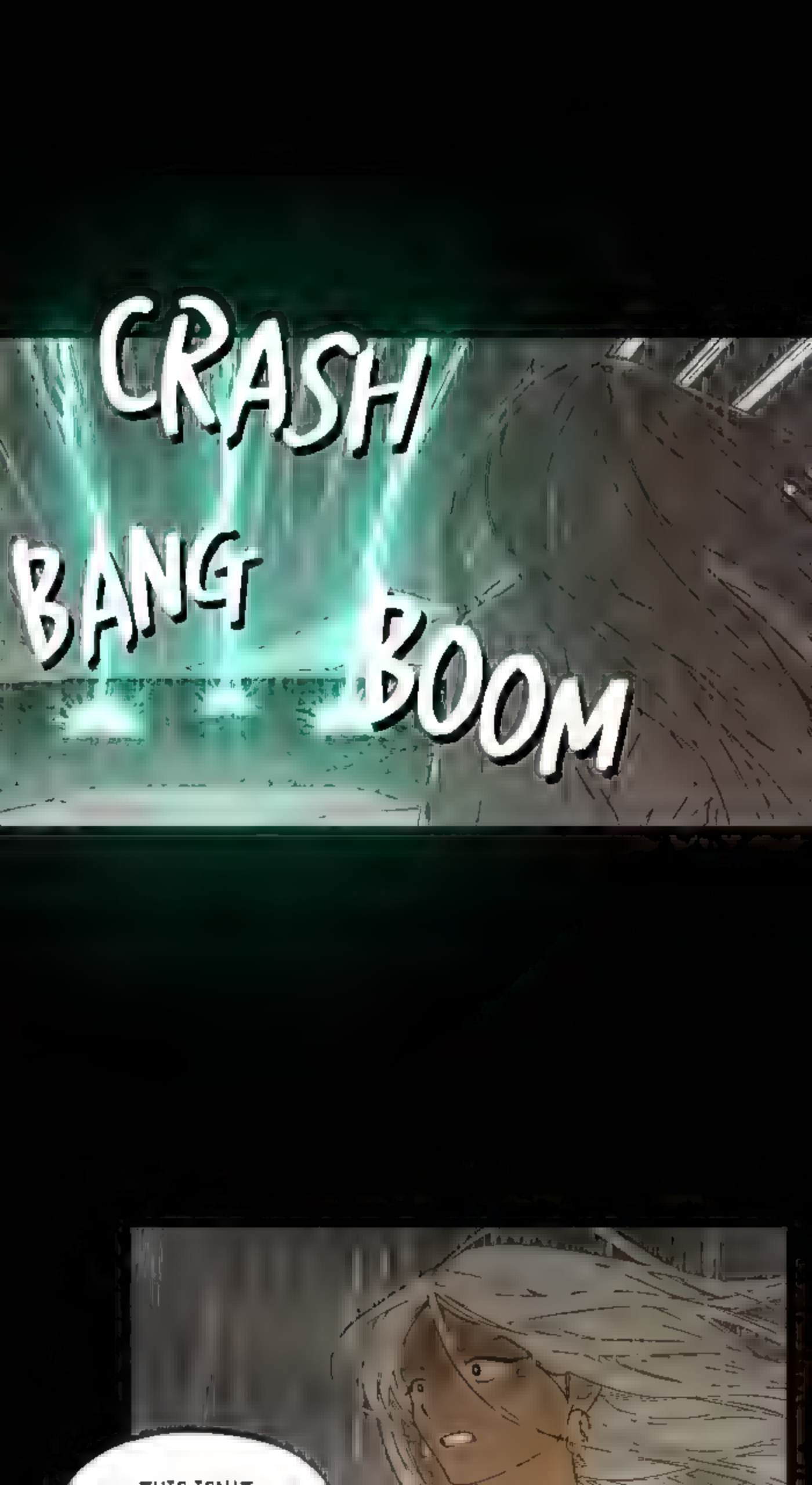

THE RAIN HAS BEEN POURING FOR DAYS NOW.
WHOOSH
THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN MIGHT BE AT RISK...

RUMBLE
FLASH

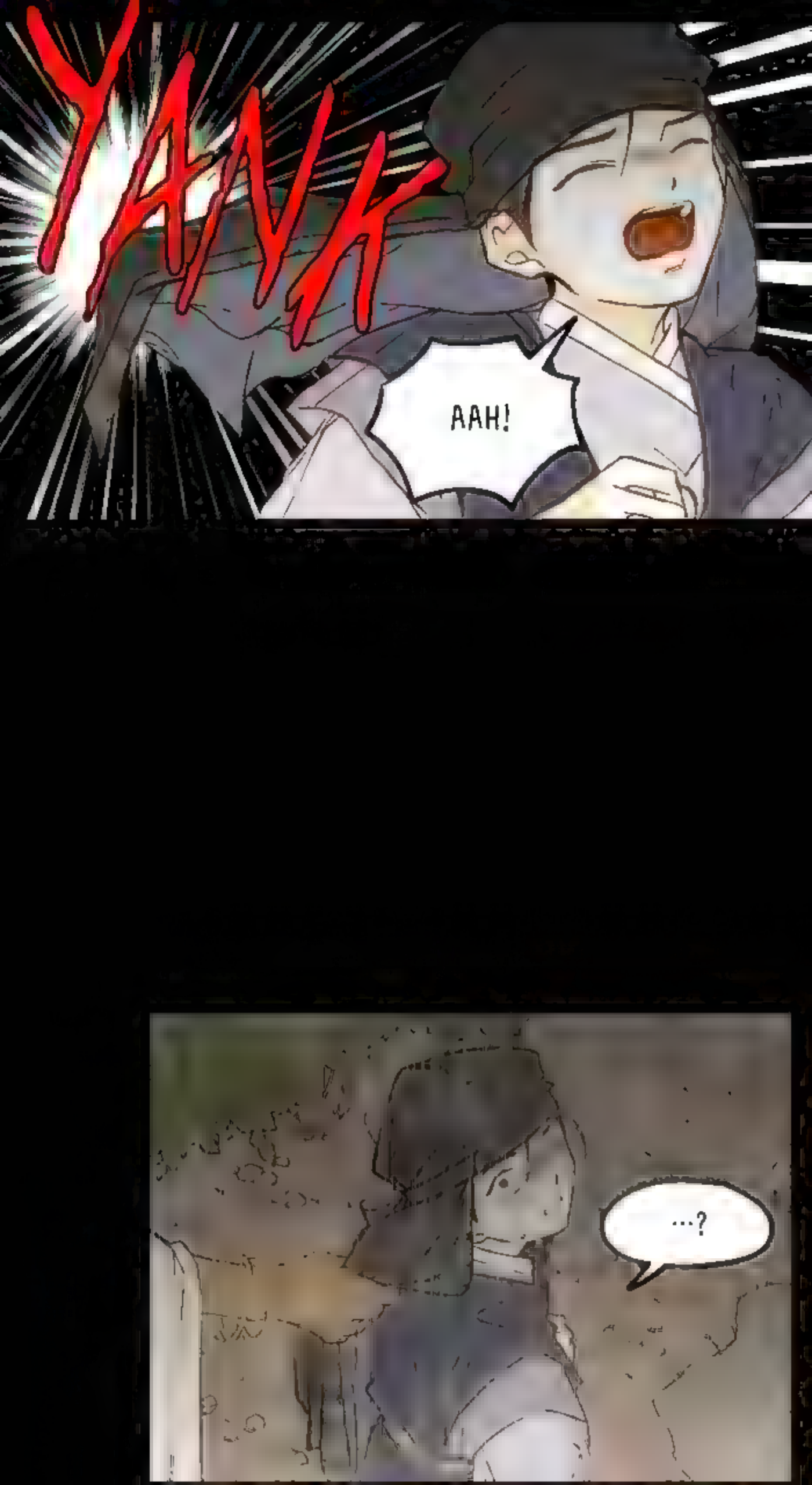
W...
WHOOSH
WHAT KIND OF LIGHTNING WAS THAT...?


CRASH
BANG
BOOM

THIS ISN'T LIGHTNING...
FWOOSH
MUNROK...
YOU...
SPLASH

FWOOSH
PANT
PANT

FWOOSH


YAAH
AAH!
...?

RUMBLE

HOW HAVE YOU...
...SET FOOT ON THIS MOUNTAIN?
W-WHO ARE YOU?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE HWANGJI POND IS?

I MUST GO THERE IMMEDIATELY!
I CAN BARELY SEE BECAUSE OF THE RAIN...
PLEASE TELL ME WHICH WAY TO GO!
I AM ASKING YOU HOW YOU CAN BREATHE OUTSIDE OF THE WATER!

SEIZE
HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO HOLD THAT ORB?!
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN!
I MUST GET TO THE POND URGENTLY!

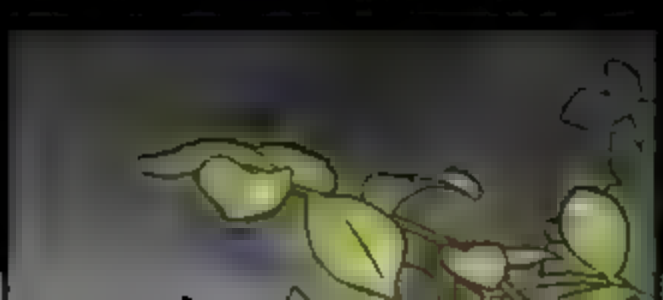
I WAS SO SURPRISED THAT I DID NOT RECOGNIZE YOU AT FIRST...
ARE YOU THE TAEBAEK MOUNTAIN SPIRIT?
GLEAM
PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE HWANGJI POND!
THE HWANGJI POND...
HWANGJI...

FLUTTER

FWOOSH

MUNROK...

YOU FOOL...



JOLT

...!
SPRING
ARE YOU AWAKE?

MY LORD...
WHERE AM I...?
IF YOU ARE AWAKE, GO BACK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.
THE RAIN HAS STOPPED.

I...
I MUST GO TO THE HWANGJI POND--
MUNROK IS DEAD.
...
I BEG YOUR PARDON?

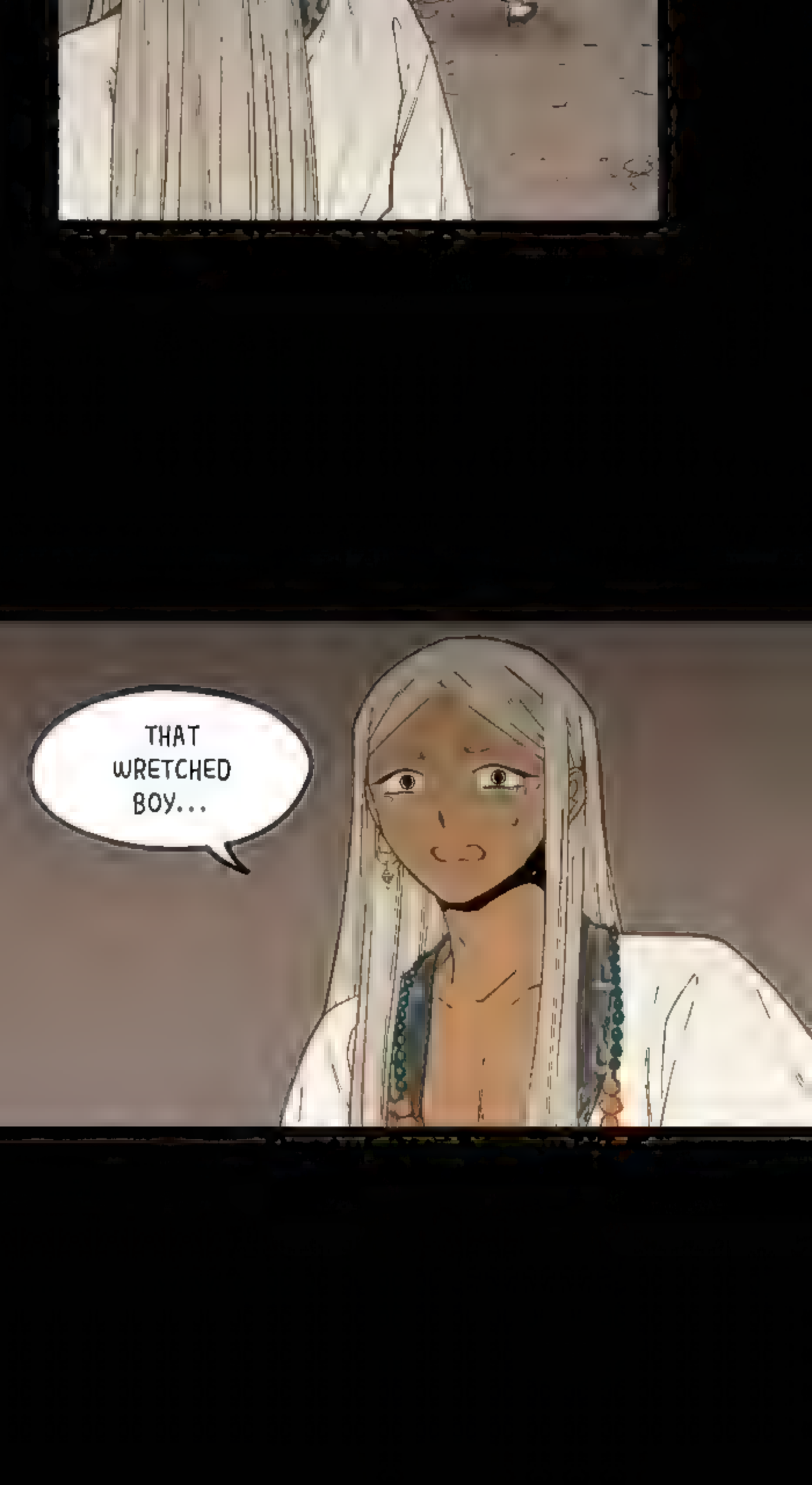
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU SWALLOWED?
TO THINK THAT A MORTAL WHO CAN BARELY LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS...

...WOULD CAUSE AN IMMORTAL DRAGON WHO TRAINED FOR A MILLENNIA TO KILL HIMSELF...
I WOULD KILL YOU FOR CAUSING MUNROK TO BE SO FOOLISH.
BUT WHAT IS DONE IS DONE.
TAKING MY ANGER OUT ON A MERE MORTAL LIKE YOU WILL NOT BRING BACK THE DEAD.

YOUR LIFE WILL NOT BE EASY AFTER KILLING A DRAGON.
CLENCH
GET OUT OF MY MOUNTAIN.

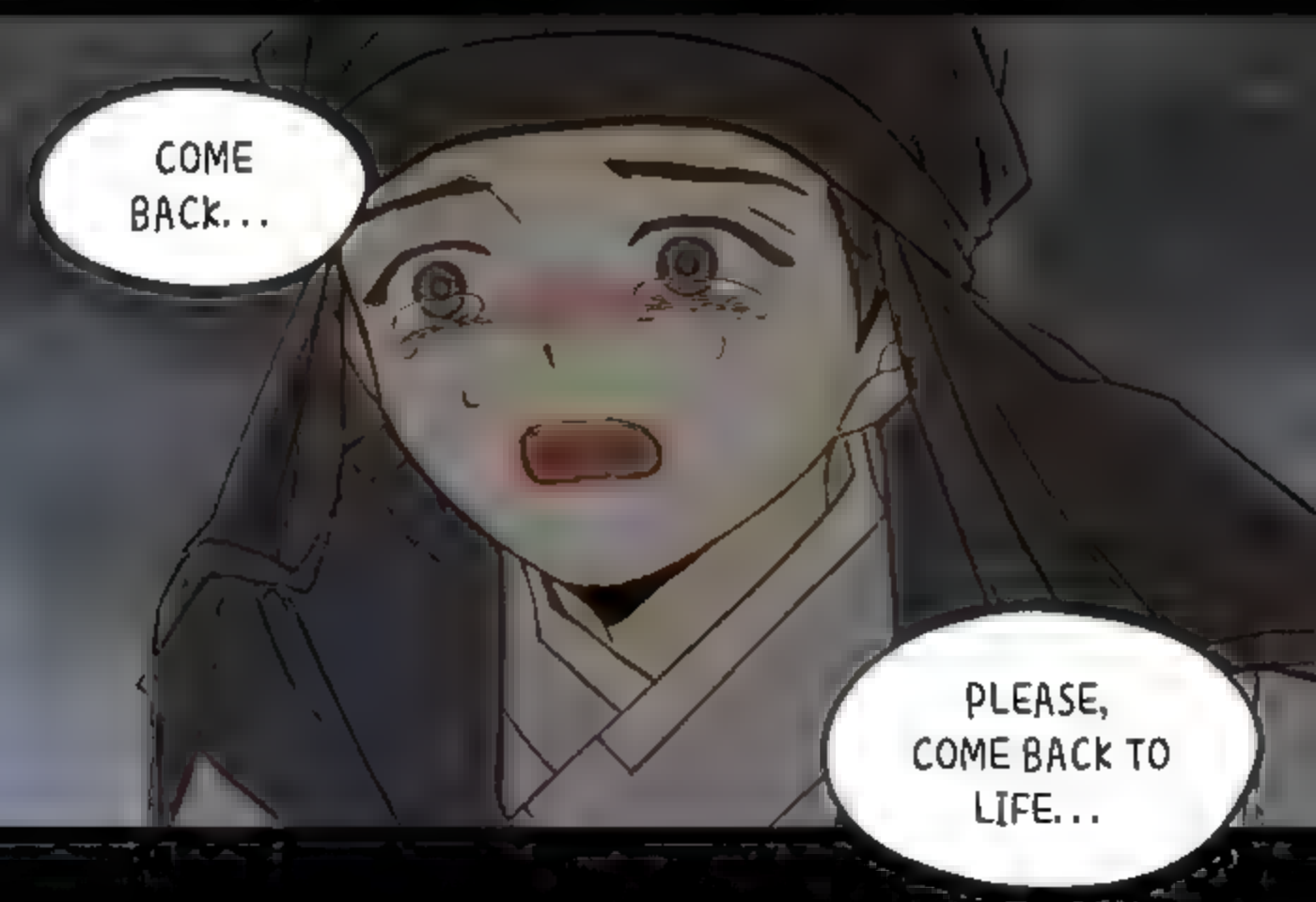
I WILL DECIDE...
GLARE
...MY OWN PATH.

DASH

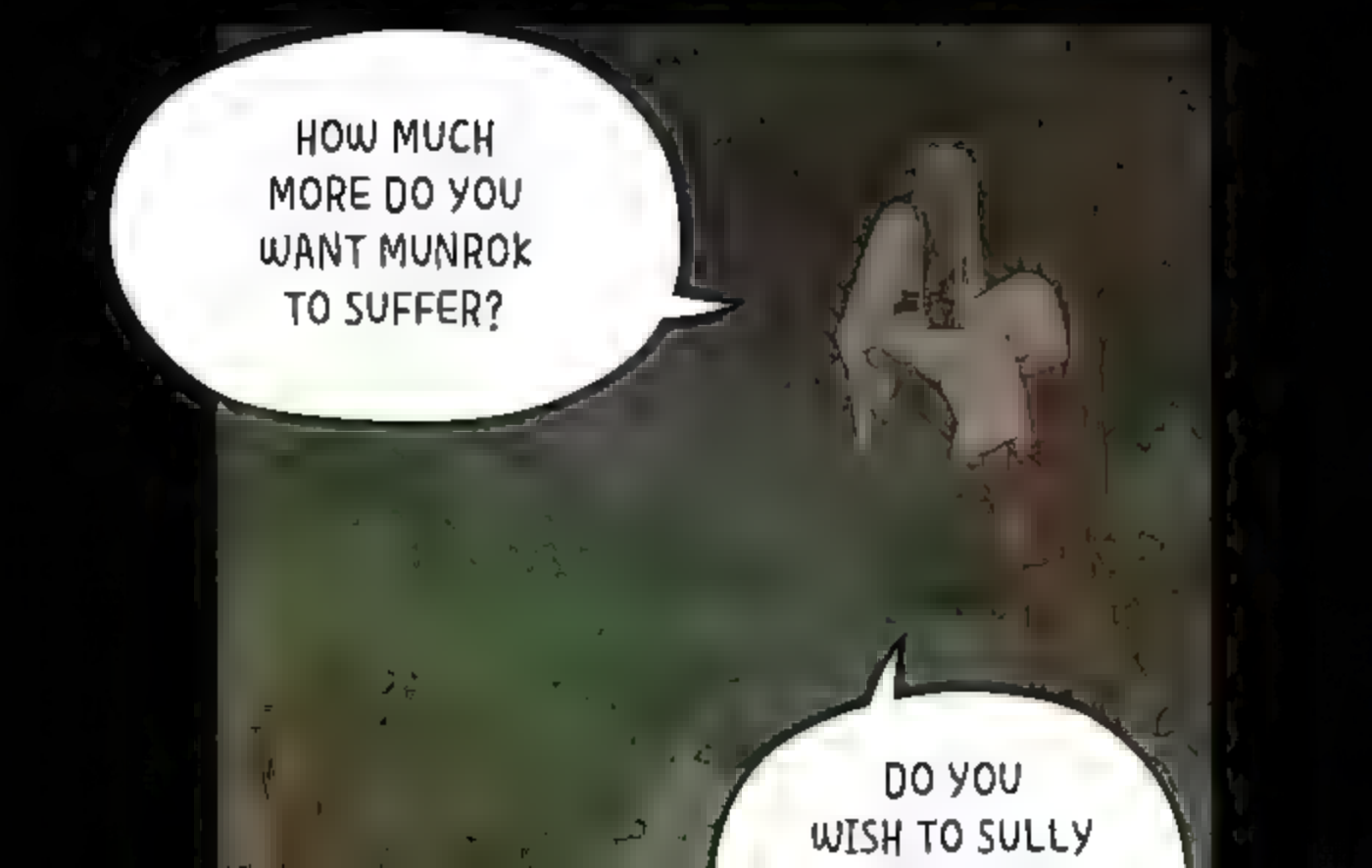

THAT WRETCHED BOY...

STEP
STEP
STEP

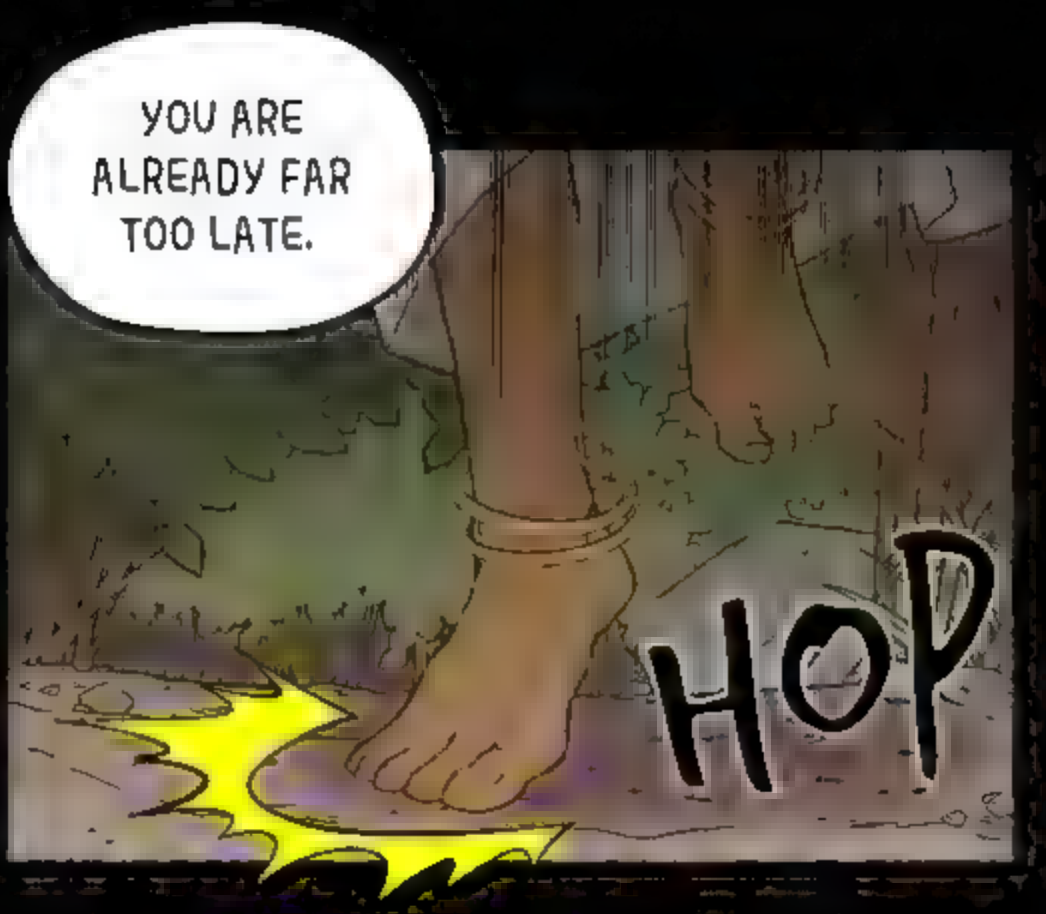
SPLASH


COME BACK...
PLEASE, COME BACK TO LIFE...

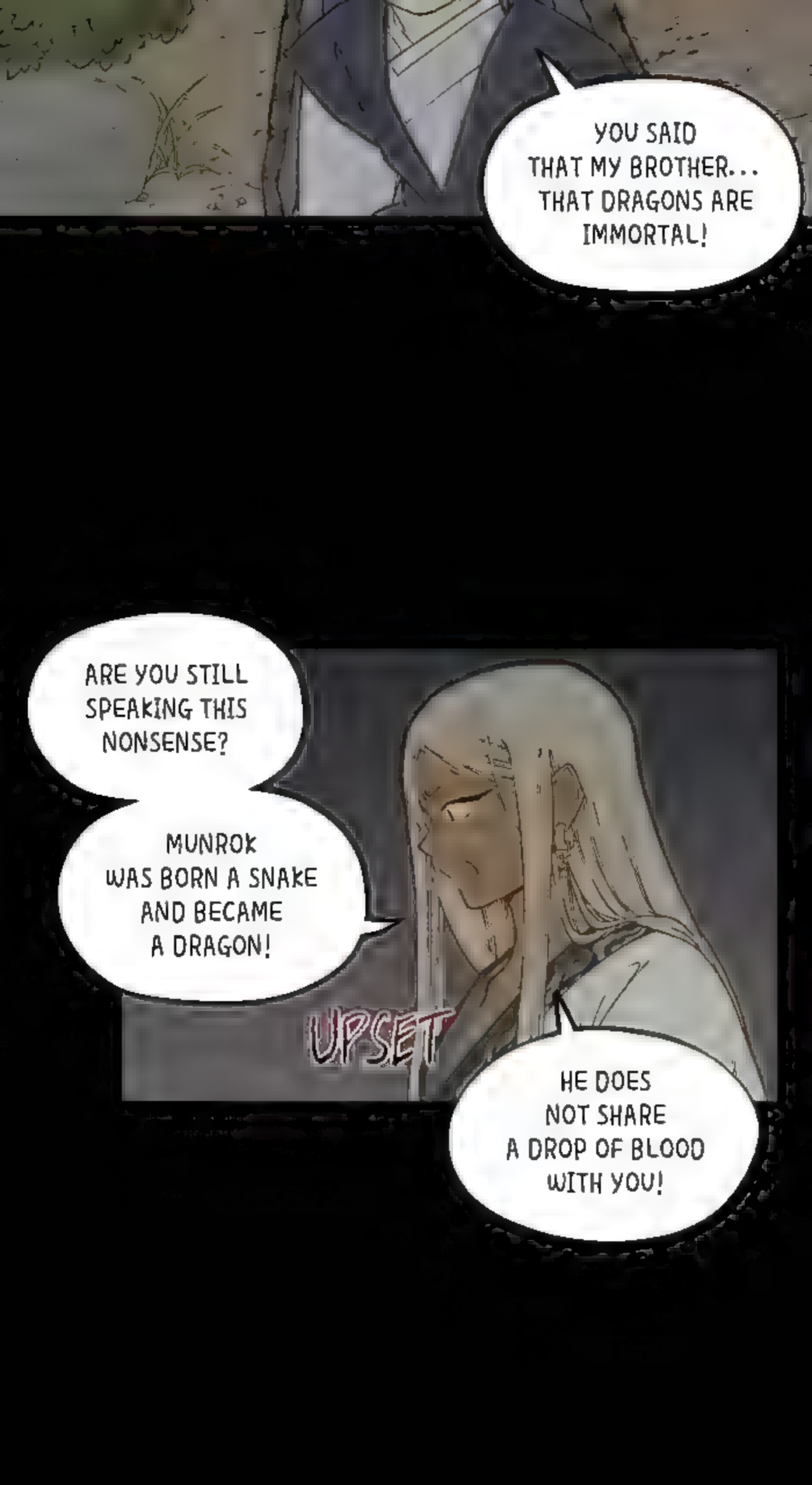
WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE.
STARTLE


HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU WANT MUNROK TO SUFFER?
DO YOU WISH TO SULLY

THE SOURCE OF HIS RIVER, TOO?

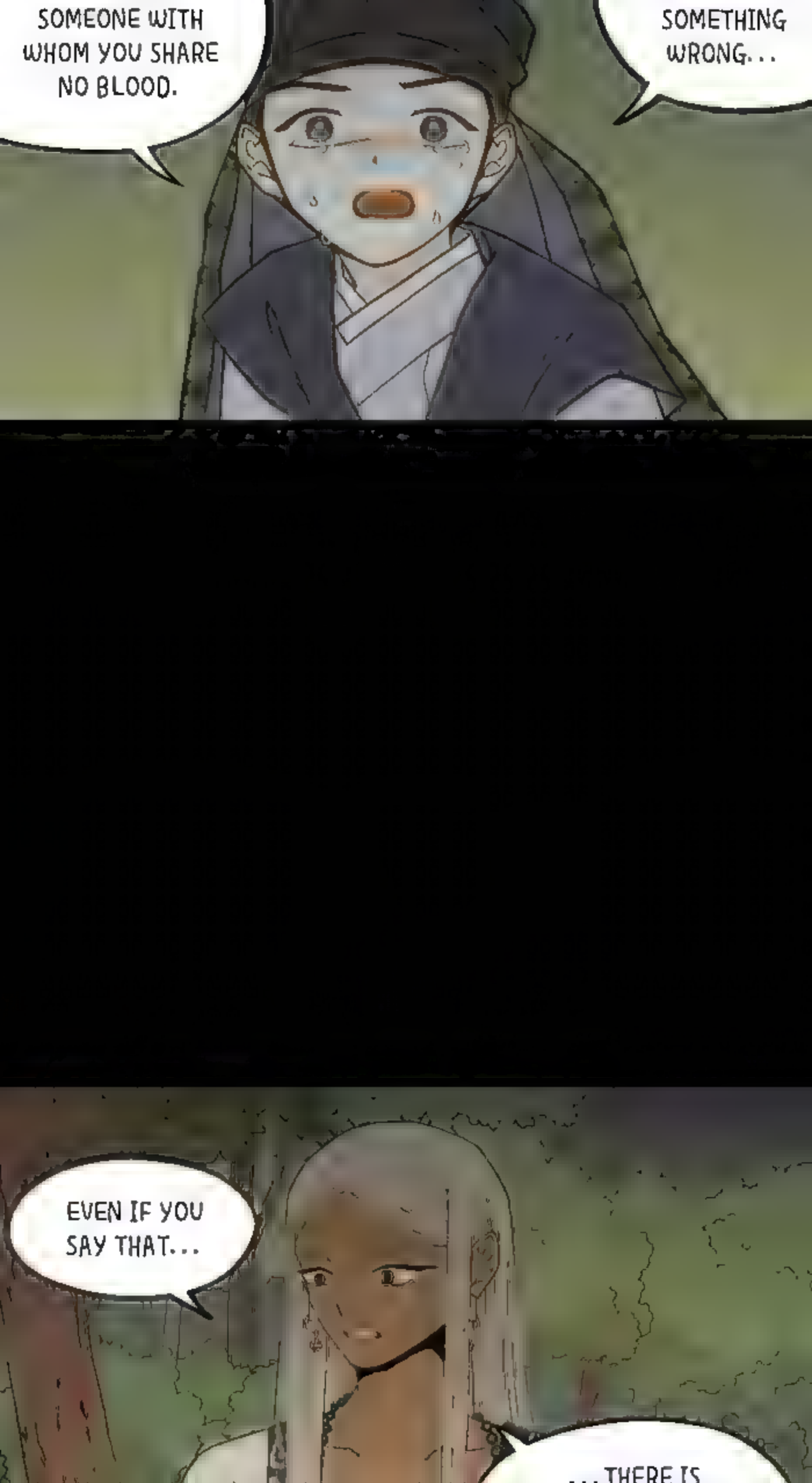

YOU ARE ALREADY FAR TOO LATE.
HOP

STOP WASTING YOUR TIME...
...AND WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF.
BUT... I CANNOT JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH THIS HAPPEN!


YOU SAID THAT MY BROTHER... THAT DRAGONS ARE IMMORTAL!
ARE YOU STILL SPEAKING THIS NONSENSE?
MUNROK WAS BORN A SNAKE AND BECAME A DRAGON!
UPSET
HE DOES NOT SHARE A DROP OF BLOOD WITH YOU!

...WITH CARING ABOUT

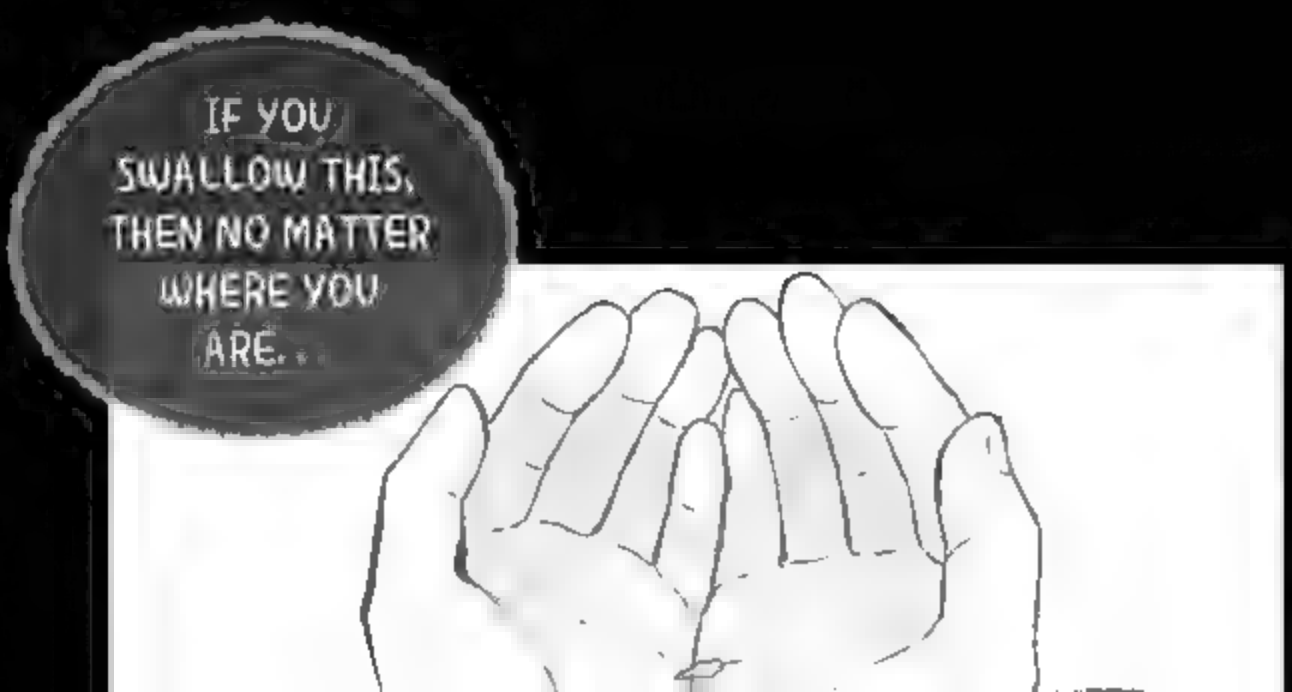
I ASKED IF THERE WAS


SOMEONE WITH WHOM YOU SHARE NO BLOOD.
SOMETHING WRONG...
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
...THERE IS

NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED.

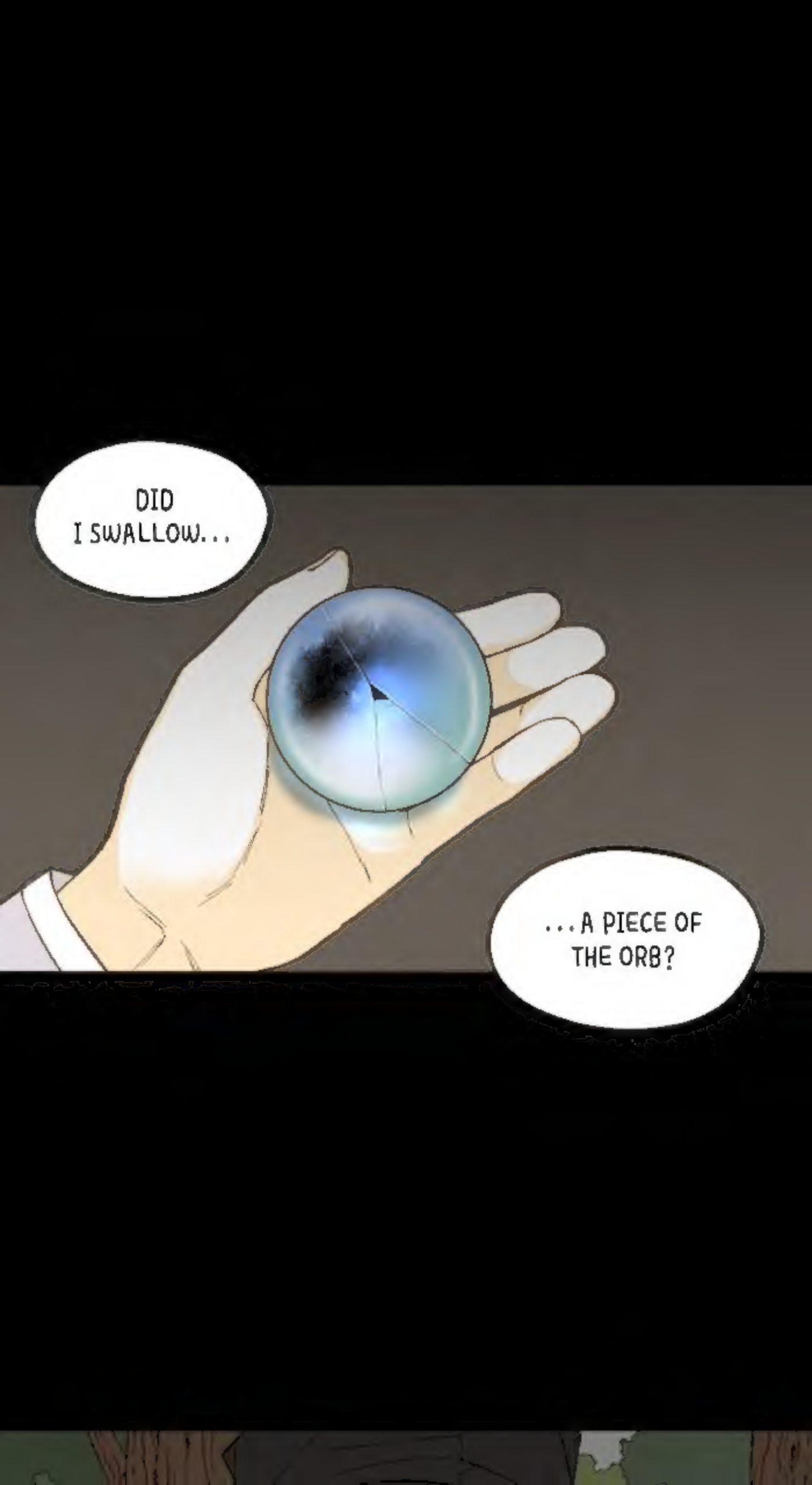
EVEN IF...
WHAT DO YOU THINK...
YOU SWALLOWED?

WHAT IS THIS?
ASK NO QUESTIONS AND SWALLOW IT.


IF YOU SWALLOW THIS, THEN NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE...

...YOU WILL BE SAFE.
SWALLOW THIS.
...IF YOU'D LIKE TO LIVE WITH ME FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.

IN THIS PALACE?
THAT WOULD BE A DREAM, BROTHER.


DID I SWALLOW...
...A PIECE OF THE ORB?

ARE YOU SAYING THAT MY BROTHER DIED...

...BECAUSE OF ME...?

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